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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest is active on less than half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are very poor to poor. Small grain planting is winding down, with some small grain emergence. Sheeping off is active in several alfalfa growing areas.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, celery, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and other vegetables. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, Navel oranges, and tangerines.

Crop Condition

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|
| | | | –Percent– | | |
| Alfalfa | 1 | 14 | 25 | 42 | 19 |
| Range and Pasture | 48 | 30 | 13 | 8 | 1 |

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending February 5. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Coolidge and Paloma to 9 degrees above normal at various locations. The highest temperature of the week was 84 degrees at Marana and Roll. The lowest reading occurred in Flagstaff and

Grand Canyon at 14 degrees. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 reporting stations. Only 10 of the 22 reporting stations have reported precipitation January 1 to date. All of the 22 reporting stations are at below normal precipitation levels at this time.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
January 30 - February 5, 2006**

| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | |
|------------------|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal |
| Aguila | 55 | 5 | 78 | 34 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.47 |
| Buckeye | 56 | 3 | 80 | 33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.77 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 41 | 8 | 60 | 20 | 0.00 | 0.56 | -0.26 |
| Coolidge | 54 | 2 | 78 | 30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.00 |
| Douglas | 50 | 4 | 74 | 24 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.81 |
| Flagstaff | 38 | 9 | 58 | 14 | 0.00 | 0.23 | -2.16 |
| Grand Canyon | 35 | 8 | 58 | 14 | 0.00 | 0.24 | -2.66 |
| Kingman | 51 | 7 | 71 | 29 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.07 |
| Marana | 58 | 6 | 84 | 36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.29 |
| Maricopa | 56 | 4 | 79 | 32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.85 |
| Paloma | 56 | 2 | 81 | 32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.77 |
| Parker | 59 | 4 | 82 | 37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.98 |
| Payson | 45 | 5 | 64 | 26 | 0.00 | 0.21 | -2.10 |
| Phoenix | 61 | 6 | 80 | 44 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.77 |
| Prescott | 46 | 9 | 66 | 26 | 0.00 | 0.04 | -1.74 |
| Roll | 59 | 5 | 84 | 35 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.40 |
| Safford | 49 | 4 | 73 | 26 | 0.00 | 0.31 | -0.47 |
| St. Johns | 44 | 9 | 72 | 19 | 0.00 | 0.14 | -0.63 |
| Tucson | 57 | 5 | 83 | 38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.98 |
| Willcox | 50 | 6 | 75 | 26 | 0.00 | 0.16 | -0.93 |
| Winslow | 44 | 9 | 71 | 19 | 0.00 | 0.05 | -0.46 |
| Yuma | 60 | 3 | 80 | 38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.33 |

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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